

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1931
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
STOCK OF FOODGRAINS IN FCI GODOWNS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether off-take of Foodgrains has increased after the Government's decision to reduce their prices for the APL groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government will supply more food items to States as per their requests;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has made any study/reviewed the cases for increase in the stock of rice and wheat in the godowns; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): The Central Issue Price (CIP) for Above Poverty Line (APL) families has been recently reduced with effect from 12.7.2001. It is, therefore, anticipated that offtake will increase in the forthcoming months.

(c)&(d): The stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool being quite comfortable, the Government will allot more quantities of foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) for APL families to States/UTs., if so demanded.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee on long term grain policy has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Ex-Chairman of Commission on Agriculture Cost & Prices (CACP) which will look after various aspects of foodgrains policy including surplus stocks of foodgrains.